

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
CITIZENS MULTIMODAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 2, 2022**

**Members Present**

Mark Miranda  
Dora Martinez  
Paul Malikowski  
Jeff Bonano, Chair  
Larry Skelton

Matthew Boog  
David Giacomini  
Vince Harris  
Paul Hewen  
Lindsey Costello

**CMAC Members Absent**

Benjamin Miller, Vice Chair  
Mayuko Majima

Salvador Duarte  
Ann Silver

**RTC Staff**

Dan Doenges  
Jim Gee  
Lolita Davis  
Xuan Wang

Rebecca Kapuler  
Jacqueline Maldonado  
Amber Bowsmith

**CMAC Guest**

Kevin Verre, NDOT  
Sondra Rosenberg, NDOT

Jeffrey Doyle, NDOT

The Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) was conducted as a Zoom Webinar. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by the Chair, Jeff Bonano.

**ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

**ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Matthew Boog stated his mother did not have a good experience riding the bus. Schedules were not up to date and a bus was out of service. Jim Gee, Service Planning and Innovation Manager, stated he will address this situation near the end of the meeting.

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

The CMAC December 1, 2021, meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Dora Martinez entered the meeting at 5:39 p.m., David Giacomini entered the meeting at 5:40 p.m. and Sondra Rosenberg entered the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

**ITEM 4. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF A PRESENTATION ON THE NEVADA SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING STUDY AND ADVISORY WORKING GROUP**

Dan Doenges, RTC Director of Planning, gave a presentation on the Nevada Sustainable Transportation Funding Study and Advisory Working Group. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file at the RTC Metropolitan Planning Department.

Matthew Boog asked if any of the Advisory Working Group members have urban planning expertise. Sondra Rosenberg, NDOT, stated the advisory committee is made up of planning experts and a number of the members have an urban planning background. There is a requirement to have a certain number of different perspectives in the group.

Lindsey Costello made a motion to acknowledge receipt of a presentation on the Nevada Sustainable Transportation Funding Study and Advisory Working Group.

Matthew Boog seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 5. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 1 TO THE FY 2022 – FY 2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP).**

Dan Doenges, RTC Director of Planning, briefed the committee on the approval of Amendment 1 to the FY 2022 – FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Jim Gee, RTC Service Planning and Innovation Manager, commented there is a notion the Virginia Line project will start right away but emphasized this is a planning grant and not an operational project.

Matthew Boog asked if this applies to the existing extent of the Rapid route or only the extension. Dan Doenges, RTC Director of Planning, stated the area study will go from Meadowood Mall south to Summit Sierra Mall vicinity. Matthew Boog suggested looking at building up the density within the current existence of the route. Dan Doenges, RTC Director of Planning, stated that RTC Planning along with partners of the City of Reno, will be looking at all perspectives.

Vince Harris made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment 1 to the FY 2022 – FY 2023 Unified Planning work Program (UPWP).

Paul Hewen seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF A PRESENTATION ON NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NDOT) PROCESS USED FROM THE ONE NEVADA PLAN TO ARRIVE AT THE CURRENT STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP).**

Kevin Verre, NDOT, gave a presentation on Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) process used from the One Nevada Plan to arrive at the current Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file at the RTC Metropolitan Planning Department.

Mark Miranda made a motion to acknowledge receipt of a presentation on Nevada Department of Transportation (STIP) process used from the One Nevada Plan to arrive at the current Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Larry Skelton seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 7. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF A PRESENTATION ON THE MT. ROSE HIGHWAY CORRIDOR STUDY**

Kevin Verre, NDOT, gave a presentation on the Mt. Rose Highway Corridor Study. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file at the RTC Metropolitan Planning Department.

Matthew Boog inquired about plans and safety aspect for a bike lane. Kevin Verre, NDOT, stated plans are still in the concept stage to have a multi-use path from Bordeaux Drive to Veterans Parkway and these options are something that will be evaluated through the One Nevada Plan process.

Matthew Boog made a motion to acknowledge receipt of a presentation on the Mt. Rose Highway Corridor Study.

Paul Hewen seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 8. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CMAC MEETINGS**

There were no member announcements/agenda items given.

## **ITEM 9. RTC/RIDE/ACCESS STAFF ITEMS**

Jim Gee, Service Planning and Innovation Manager, addressed the issue of schedules being out of date and buses being out of service. On January 8<sup>th</sup>, a foundation was set for a Sunday level service seven days per week which allowed RTC to be nimble while getting full service back for our customers. January 10<sup>th</sup> rolled out the first package of improvements on several routes. January 18<sup>th</sup> added the second round of improvements to several more routes. These improvements allowed us to be more reliable and provide better service without missing trips. RTC still has the hurdle of drivers and also mechanics but expecting to get back to full service mid-March or early April.

Dora Martinez stated that the bus strikes are the reason for the service problems and not the national driver shortage. FlexRide and RTC ACCESS busses need shocks. Disabled passengers in wheelchairs are denied rides when busses are full and she feels that bigger vehicles are needed. She stated RTC ACCESS drivers should be paid more money per hour. Jim Gee, Service Planning and Innovation Manager, responded that three strikes were too many and has a large impact on the workforce and passengers. The national shortage of drivers and impact from COVID-19 definitely added to the service problems. Also, advised that if anyone has experienced being denied a trip, they can contact RTC.

## **ITEM 10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments given.

## **ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.